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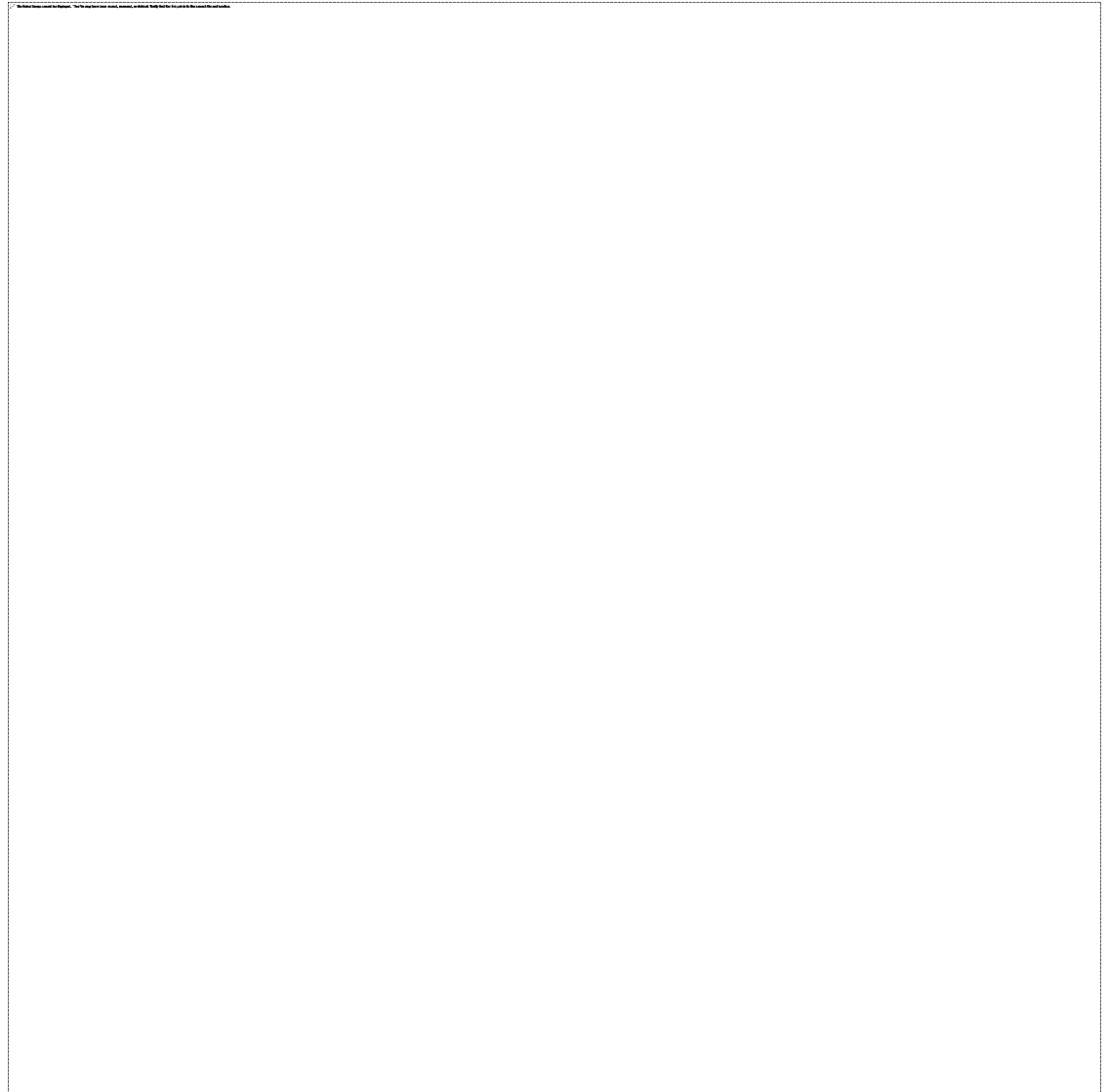
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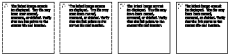
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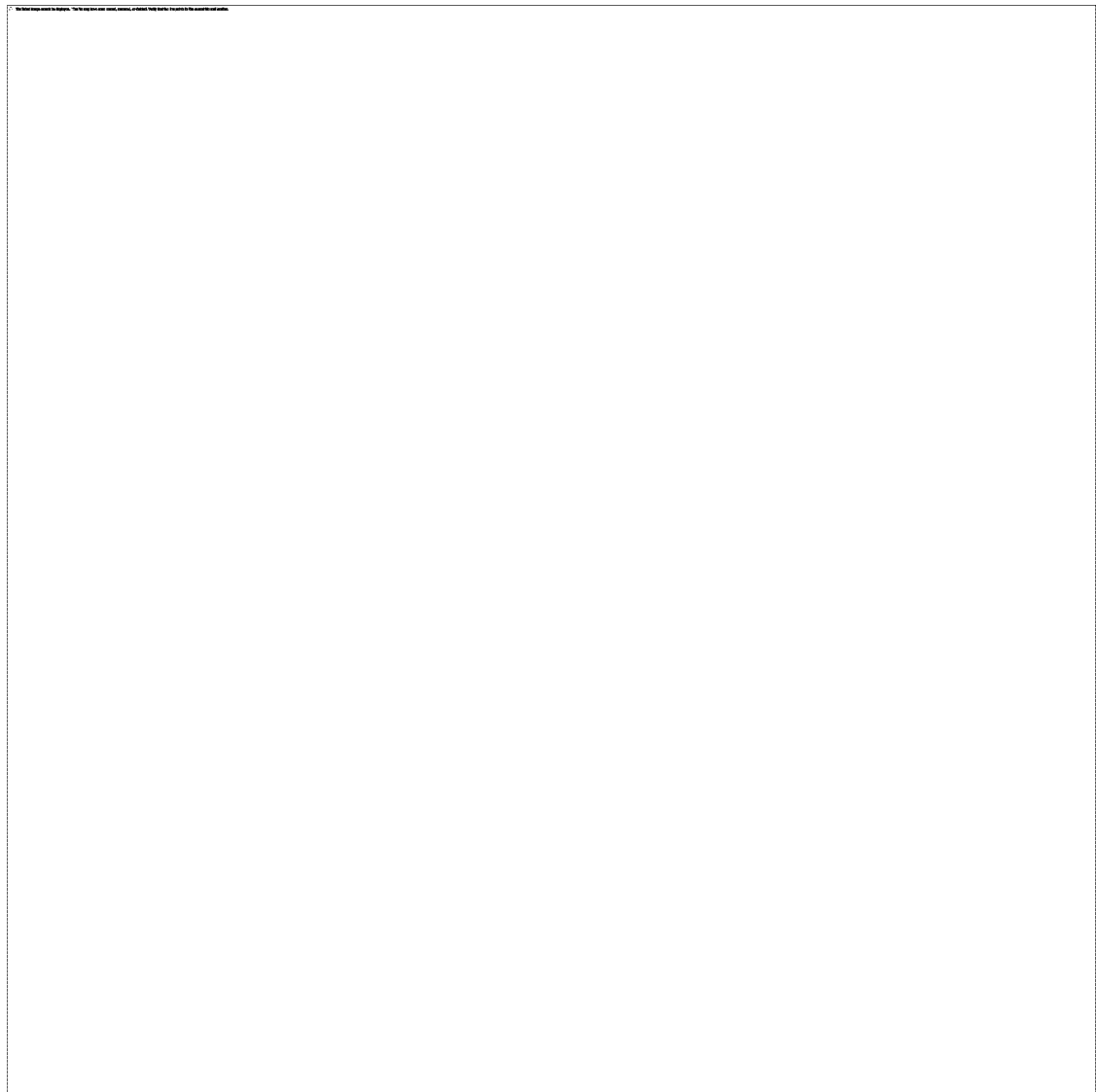
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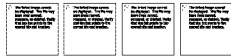
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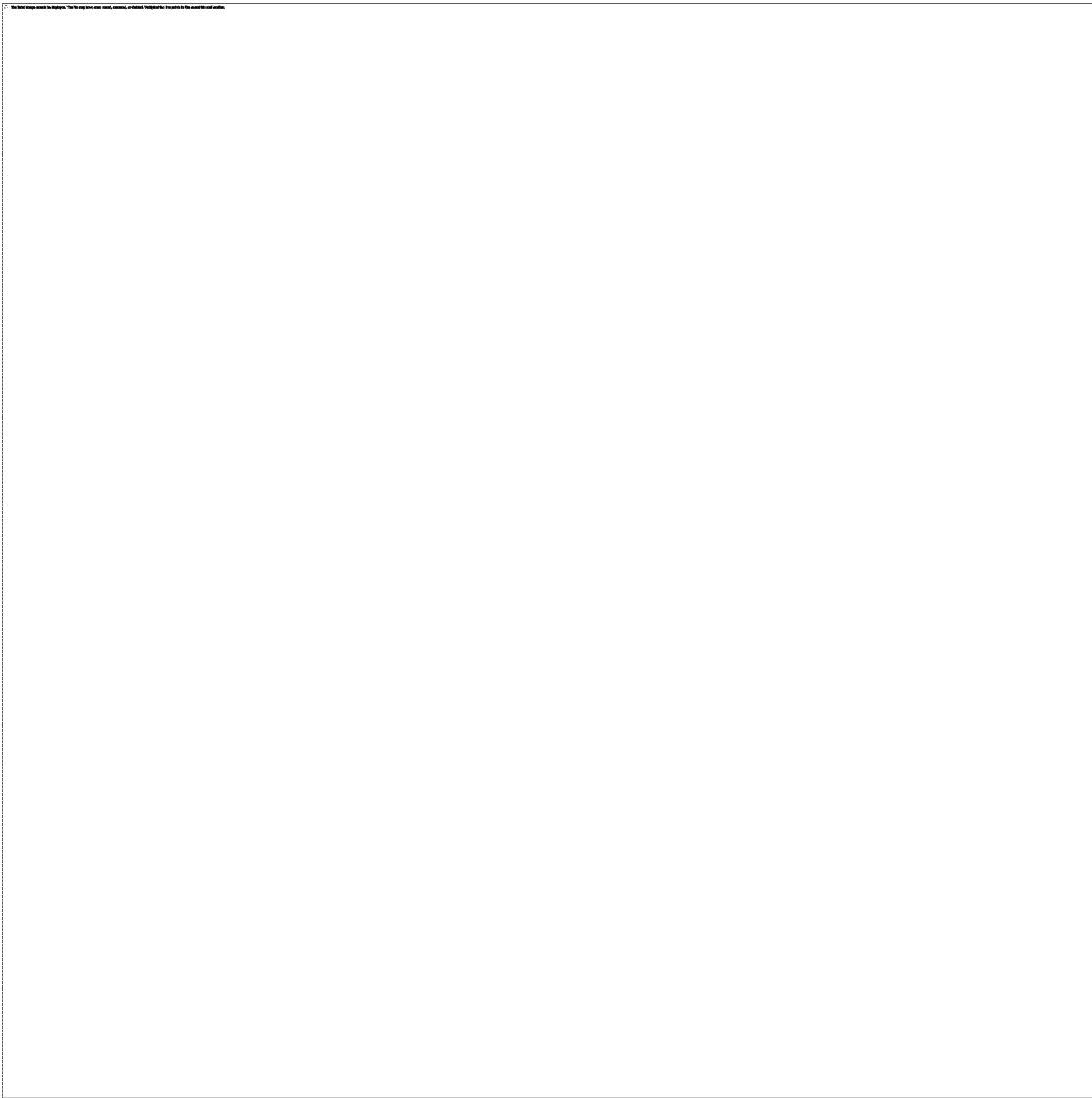
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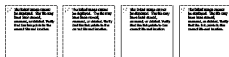


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**To:** Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** Re: moment to chat re: fuel economy standards?

I'm happy to add to it if you want at any point. You know the big points. Sounds good

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**To:** Post, Andy (OST)  
**Subject:** RE: moment to chat re: fuel economy standards?

We certainly have done plenty of that here from EPA. I can draft something up, and send it around.

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FYI, let me know if you have a chance to talk today:

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**Cc:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: moment to chat re: fuel economy standards?

Coral this is ridiculous, we provide you plenty of material to include and you don't even bother to make a reference to any of it. Meanwhile you quote anonymous EPA officials, as they are critical of the process. It does make me question your approach to this article and whether you are writing this from an unbiased perspective.

Also I'm asking you correct how you describe the Consumer Reports claims, it is not going to cost consumers \$460 billion. That number comes from a hypothetical \$660 billion in savings that may or may not have ever been realized, but the \$460 is directly taken out of that number still leaving \$200 billion in savings. If you were to call it forgone savings rather than costs that would be accurate. But even a generous reading of the study shows it will not increase costs. Please pass this along to your editors.

**From:** Davenport, Coral <coral.davenport@nytimes.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 19, 2019 7:09 PM

**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: moment to chat re: fuel economy standards?

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On Mon, Aug 19, 2019 at 6:11 PM Abboud, Michael <[abboud.michael@epa.gov](mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hey Coral, sorry for the delay, I just landed in Alaska. When is your deadline?

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Here is what I'm hearing:

That POTUS was furious and blindsided when the automakers deal w. California was announced

That staffers from EPA & NHTSA were called in to a WH meeting and told to get going ASAP on getting their rule over to OMB

That there is now a big push to get it done as quickly as possible,

But that with the departure of Wehrum, Rosen and King and the switch in office by Chris Grundler, that there is concern about lack of experienced politicals on this issue, and that most of the major legal, technical, economic and scientific analysis is not complete.

That there is concern that more companies will join in the California deal, and that the administration's plan still won't be ready for primetime for months.

Could you give a call to talk about this?

thanks so much!

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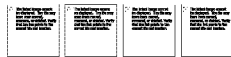
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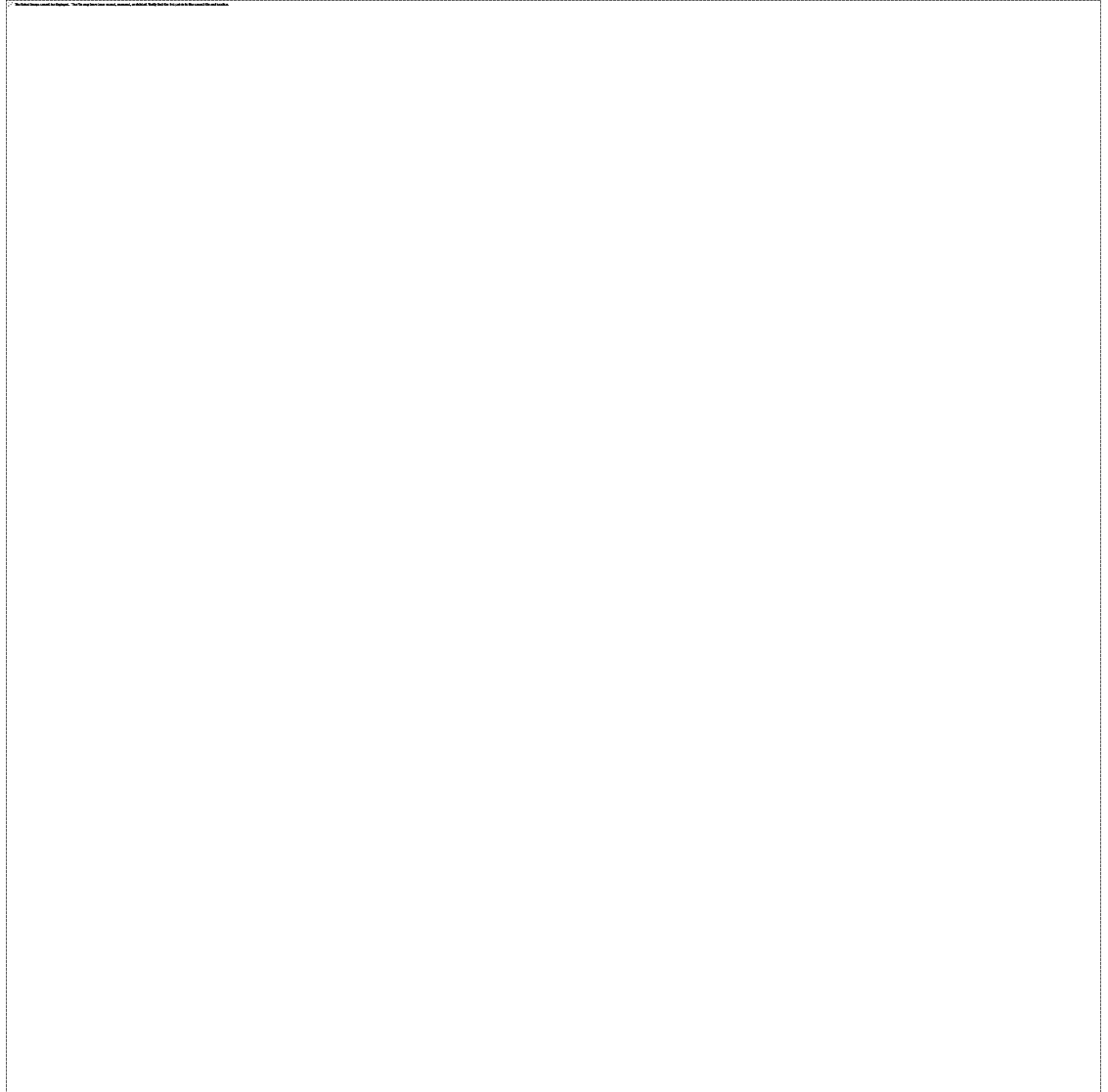
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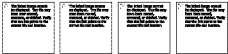
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**EPA Spokesperson:**

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Ok...I was only trying to get something for the newest question.

Who in OW gave you that answer?

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We got a little feedback from OW.

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Working on it...

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Follow up form NY Times.

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## Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** New York Times Inquiry: Lack of Newark info in SWIDS

Hi there,

In searching SWIDS, it doesn't appear that there is any information regarding Newark's ongoing lead crisis.

From talking to a former EPA official, the state of New Jersey should have been informing the EPA of violations.

I searched

here: [https://ofmpub.epa.gov/enviro/sdw\\_report\\_v3.first\\_table?pws\\_id=NJ0714001&state=NJ&source=Surface%20water&population=290139&sys\\_num=0](https://ofmpub.epa.gov/enviro/sdw_report_v3.first_table?pws_id=NJ0714001&state=NJ&source=Surface%20water&population=290139&sys_num=0)



Does that mean that the EPA was not made aware of New Jersey finding high levels of lead in Newark water until the letter this month?

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